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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SOVIET-FRG NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROJECT:

DISCONCERTING NOISES

1. DIETRICH SPANGENBERG, FEDERAL PLENIPOTENTIARY (PROTECT) TOLD ALLIED MINISTERS OCTOBER 11 THAT SOVIETS WERE MAKING SOME DISCONCERTING NOISES ABOUT THE PROPOSED SOVIET-FRG NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROJECT AT KALININGRAD.

2. HE SAID SOME SOVIET OFFICIALS HAD PASSED WORD THAT SOVIETS WERE NOW OF VIEW THAT LINE SHOULD GO FROM KALININGRAD TO MAGDEBURG IN THE GDR FROM WHICH POINT POWER WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO WEST BERLIN AND THE FRG. THIS, IN EFFECT, WOULD UNDERMINE THE ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT FOR POWER TRANSMISSION FROM KALININGRAD TO FRG THROUGH WEST BERLIN.

3. IN ADDITION, SPANGENBERG SAID SOVIETS HAVE REMINDED GERMANS OF THEIR INTEREST IN FOUR POWER PLANTS

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AND NOT REPEAT NOT ONE.

4. SPANGENBERG ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE GDR, THROUGH IZT NEGOTIATOR BEHRENDT, HAD PASSED WORD THAT GDR WAS STILL INTERESTED IN ITS OWN POWER PLANT ARRANGEMENT WITH THE FRG. SPANGENBERG SAID GERMANS WERE NOT SURE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT EAST GERMANS HAD SOVIET AGREEMENT TO PURSUE THIS PROJECT.

5. SPANGENBERG SAID HE THOUGHT BY AND LARGE THESE WERE MOSTLY TACTICAL NOISES AND THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL PROBABLY COULD BE PUSHED THROUGH IF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT WAS ONLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, SPANGENBERG ASKED WHY ALLIES, PARTICULARLY US AND UK, WERE CREATING DIFFICULTIES IN COCOM IN CONNECTION WITH NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT WHICH WAS OF GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE AND HAD FULL AND PERSONAL SUPPORT, INDEED INVOLVEMENT, OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.KLEIN

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